S.No	State	No. of HDCs sanction	No. of QDUs sanctioned
3.	Bihar	53	19
4.	Gujarat	7	—
5	Haryana	1	—
6	Himachal Pradesh	11	1
7	Jammu & Kashmir	3	—
8.	Karnataka	25	4
9.	Kerala	62	8
10.	Madhya Pradesh	28	6
11.	Manipour	137	7
12.	Maharashtra	20	3
13.	Nagaland	22	1
14.	Oriss;i	141	35
15	Rajasthan	1	—
16	Tamil Nadu	248	28
17	Tripura	13	10
IK	Uttar Pradesh	83	50
19.	West Bengal	136	34
20.	Pondicherry	5	—
	TOTAL	1301	247

Technical and Economic Cooperation with Neighbouring Countries

1269. DK JAGANNATH M1SHRA Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria adopted for the distribution of grants-in-aid for technical and economic cooperation with countries of Asia, Africa and other neighbouring countries;

(b) whether any assessment has been made as to the impact it has created in strengthening mutual bilateral relations with those countries, and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any study has been conducted to ascertain the position taken by these countries on important issues of common interest at various international forums for a vis-a-vis stanc" taken by India; and if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken in the light of different stands taken by them?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) The criteria adopted for the distribution of grants-in-aid for technical and economic cooperation are:

(i) serving overall political interest of India,

(ii) promoting India's economic and commercial interests,

(iii) promoting Indian technology and expertise in the developing countries,

(iv) creating goodwill and a favourable image of India.

depending upon the recipient country, the grants-in-aid are used for infrastructure, industrial projects, disaster relief assistance, rural development projects etc.

(b) Periodic evaluations are made for assessing the effectiveness of the grants-in-aid in furthering the above mentioned objectives. The last comprehensive assessment was undertaken in 1993.

(c) No specific study has been undertaken to compare the positions adopted by these countries at international fora. However, it is relevant to note that the major part of our grants-in-aid goes to countries that are members of the Non-Aligned Movement and committed to its objectives.

Irrigation Potential of Bihar

1270. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the irrigation potential created and utilised through major and meduum irrigation project schemes in the State of Bihar at the end of 1995-96.

(b) whether it is a fact that substantial part of agricultural land in Bihar is still without irrigation facilities;